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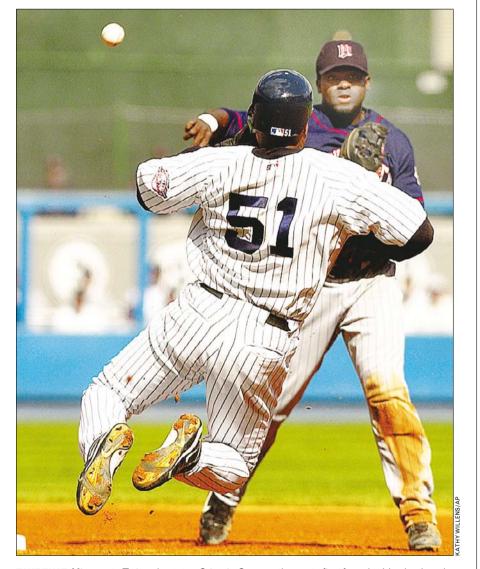
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TAKE THAT: Minnesota Twins shortstop Cristain Guzman throws to first for a double play, knocking out the Yankees' Bernie Williams (51) and Hideki Matsui on the first day of the MLB playoffs Tuesday in Yankee Stadium. The Twins won 3-1. • Road to the Series: Highlights | Page 10

Spy Probe Nets Third Suspect

Civilian contractor was serving as Arabic translator

WASHINGTON | A civilian translator at the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was arrested at a Boston airport after authorities found classified information in his possession, officials said Tuesday.

The arrest was the third involving someone who worked closely with the largely Muslim, non-English-speaking population of about 660 suspected al Qaeda and Taliban fighters being held at the Guantanamo Bay camp. Two military personnel are also in custody.

The latest man arrested was identified as Egyptian-American Ahmed Fathy Mehalba, 31. He is a civilian who formerly served in the Army and twice started but failed to complete a military intelligence course to become an interrogator, two defense officials said on condition of anonymity.

Mehalba was medically discharged from the Army in May 2001 and later hired by a private defense contractor to be a translator at Guantanamo, the officials said. He once worked as a Boston cab driver, and two days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks he applied for a job as a Logan Airport gate guard and was turned down, said a spokesman for Massport, the agency that operates Logan. (AP)

Studies: Homework Complaints Don't Match Reality

WASHINGTON | It's a troubling story: Public school students get so loaded with homework that they stress out and lose out on chances to be playful kids.

But that story is largely wrong, two new studies contend.

Most students actually have less than an hour of homework a night, said Tom Loveless, director of the Brown Center on Education Policy at The Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

For example, when asked how much homework they were assigned the day before, most students age 9, 13 and 17 all reported less than an hour, according to a federal survey in 1999. The share of students assigned more than an hour of homework has dropped for all three age groups since 1984.

Only about one in 10 high schoolers does more than two hours of homework a night. according to a separate study co-authored by Brian Gill of the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research group. The figure has held fairly stable for the last 50 years. Ben feller (AP)

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EyeOpeners



REAL ESTATE Stake Your Claim

Dennis Hope can get you a great land deal, just not on Earth. Hope, 55, is the owner of the "Lunar Embassy" in Gardnerville, Nev. — and has claimed to own the moon and all planets other than Earth since 1980. Hope told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that he's made an estimated \$6.25 million selling land on the moon and the planets, primarily Mars and Venus. An acre on the moon or Mars goes for \$19.99, plus a \$1.51 lunar tax. (EXPRESS)

HOMELAND SECURITY Eye in the Sky

The Pentagon's latest high-tech weapon might look awfully familiar to a World War I Zeppelin pilot. Lockheed Martin has a contract worth at least \$40 million to develop a high-altitude airship for use in homeland defense. The solar-powered and helium-filled unmanned airship would patrol at 65,000 feet and be 25 times larger than the Goodyear blimp. (AP)

HAPPY ENDINGS **Tater Toted Home**

Mr. Potato Head was a little bruised, but otherwise in fine shape when he returned home to owner James Leach in Newport, R.I., after being whisked away from his cushy estate on Friday. Police said someone found the 6-foot spud statue in a field. "Although he was ripped and mashed a little bit, he is expected to make a full recovery and soon be on display," Sgt. James Quinn said. (AP)

MILITARY Sniffer Swine

In one of the most dangerous regions of the world, everyone's got to do their part for public safety - even pigs. Geva Zin, a 26-year-old Israeli mineclearing expert is training several swine to locate buried land mines. Zin, who trained mine-detecting dogs during his military service, told Agence France-Presse that pigs have a better sense of smell and are easier and cheaper to train than dogs. (EXPRESS)



HEARSAY | OOPS

"These things sometimes happen, more often when the court doesn't actually face a defendant."

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SPILLED WHEAT: A worker walks past some of the 31 railroad cars which derailed near Norman, Okla. on Tuesday. The 56-car Burlington Northern Santa Fe train was carrying wheat from Kansas to Texas. No injuries were reported.

No-Call List Goes Into Effect Amid Uncertainty

FTC won't accept new name submissions until legal battle ends

WASHINGTON | The millions of people who signed up for the government's do-not-call list should get fewer sales pitches from telemarketers starting Wednesday, but for how long is anybody's guess.

A confusing legal fight has thrown the list into disarray, forcing federal officials to rework the system to handle complaints and enforce penalties.

For now, officials are directing those consumers who registered phone numbers on the list to send complaints to the Federal Communications Commission by visiting www.fcc.gov/cgb/

complaints.html or calling 1-888-225-5322.

FCC staff, who until recently had no plans to handle all do-not-call complaints, were scrambling to prepare. Outdated instructions for filing complaints related to the list were still on government phone messages and Web sites Tuesday.

The list contains more than 50 million home and cell phone numbers. Companies could face thousands of dollars in fines each time they call a registered number.

The Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday it is moving to stop accepting new numbers while a court fight with telemarketers seeking to stop the list plays out. Despite the legal wrangling, many of the largest telemarketers say they will abide by the list. DAVID HO (AP)

HEARSAY | SORRY

"We had an error in judgment. Our intent was never to cause any harm."

-BAND DIRECTOR CHARLES GRISSOM
OF PARIS HIGH SCHOOL IN TEXAS ON A HALFTIME SHOW CALLED 'VISIONS OF WORLD
WAR II' THAT INCLUDED A NAZI FLAG AND AN
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FBI Begins Probe In CIA Name Leak

Democrats in Congress call for investigation by independent counsel

WASHINGTON | The FBI began a full-scale criminal investigation Tuesday into whether White House officials illegally leaked the identity of an undercover CIA officer, and President Bush ordered his staff to cooperate with the first major probe of his administration.

Democrats demanded the appointment of a special outside counsel but Bush resisted.

"I'm absolutely confident that the Justice Department can do a good job," he said on a re-election fundraising stop in Chicago.

Democratic leaders said Attorney General John Ashcroft was too close to the White House to conduct an impartial investigation.

House Democratic leader Nancy

Justices will review that decision

Pelosi said, "If there ever was a case for the appointment of a special counsel, this is it."

With pressure building, the Justice Department alerted the White House late Monday of the decision to move from a preliminary inquiry into a full investigation, a step rarely taken with complaints involving leaks of classified information.

The investigation is aimed at finding who leaked the name of the CIA operative, possibly in an attempt to punish the officer's husband, former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, who had accused the administration of manipulating intelligence to exaggerate the threat from Iraq.

While the administration appeared cool toward naming a special counsel, Ashcroft has not ruled out that possibility, a senior law enforcement official said.

Protecting intelligence: Former CIA analyst Mel Goodman discusses the misuse of intelligence and the need to protect CIA operatives | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

High Court to Hear Death Penalty Case

WASHINGTON | The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to use the case of a man who murdered 13 people in a 1982 shooting rampage in Pennsylvania to determine whether dozens of old death sentences, or more, should be thrown out.

An appeals court has already held that George Banks received an unfair sentencing hearing because of a poorly written set of jury instructions. sometime next year.

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The Supreme Court set new standards for jury instructions in 1988 and clarified them in a followup case in 1990. At issue now is whether

the standards can be applied retroactively. Pennsylvania lawyers said the outcome will affect about 30 death row cases in Pennsylvania. It was unknown what the impact nationwide would be.

Banks was sentenced to death for killing his five children, ages 1 to 6, and eight other people in a shooting rampage in Pennsylvania.

Banks, who is biracial, claimed he wanted to save them from a racist society. His lawyers have argued that he had a long history of psychological problems. (AP)

In Brief

MADISON, WIS.

\$94 Million Damage Award In Crane Collapse Thrown Out

A state appeals court Tuesday threw out a \$94 million punitive damage award to the families of three ironworkers killed when a crane collapsed during the construction of Milwaukee's Miller Park. The judges voted 2-1 that Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of America did not inten-

tionally cause the three deaths, nor was its conduct certain to cause injury. The court left intact a \$27 million award for compensatory damages for the 1999 collapse. (AP)

NEW YORK

Workers Sue Plaza Hotel For Alleged Post-9/11 Taunts

Ten workers of Middle Eastern descent have sued the posh Plaza Hotel, claiming managers called them terrorists and accused them of destroying the World Trade Center. According to the complaint, managers of a hotel restaurant called the workers "dumb Muslim" and "al Qaeda." (AP)

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Vanderbilt Can Remove 'Confederate' From Building

A judge ruled Tuesday that Vanderbilt University can change the name of Confederate Memorial Hall to something it considers less inflammatory. After Vanderbilt announced plans last fall to drop

"Confederate" from the building's name, the private university was sued by the Tennessee chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, whose \$50,000 donation helped fund construction of the dormitory 70 years ago. (AP)

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Mistrial to be Declared In Police Corruption Case

After four weary months of deliberations, the jury in one of Oakland's biggest police corruption trials

found three former officers innocent of eight counts Tuesday and said they were deadlocked on the remaining 27 charges. The judge said he would declare a mistrial on the unresolved charges, bringing an end to a trial that started more than a year ago.

The former officers were charged with beating suspects, wrongfully accusing them of crimes, planting drugs and covering it all up by falsifying police reports. (AP)

Nation

Recall Has Voters Mulling Strategy

Calif. election has two parts and a wealth of complicated choices

SAN FRANCISCO | Some California voters will be doing complex political calculations in their heads when they step into the booth for the state's recall election next

Voting "yes" or "no" on whether to remove Democratic Gov. Gray Davis from office seems straightforward enough — until voters consider the various replacement candidates on part two of the 135-name ballot, and their relative chances of winning, losing or splitting the vote.

"You could have a stroke weighing the permutations of all the candidates," said Democratic strategist Bill Carrick.

Complicating matters further, a judge in San Diego ruled in July that a voter could skip the first part of the ballot altogether and still vote for a replacement can-

"It's very tough, because we don't have control of all the factors on line B," said Davis adviser Garry South. "There are too many variables, unknowables and intangibles." BETH FOUHY (AP)



Using a headset, California Gov. Gray Davis talks to a potential recall election voter during a visit to a phone bank in Los Angeles.

"I was aware that

-PHILLIP MINUCCI

the scaffolding was

potentially dangerous."

A NEW YORK CONTRACTOR, PLEADING GUILTY

TO MANSLAUGHTER TUESDAY IN THE DEATHS

OF FIVE WORKERS KILLED IN A PARK AVENUE

SCAFFOLD COLLAPSE TWO YEARS AGO

Missteps In Anthrax **Case Cited**

New chief troubled by naming of Hatfill as 'person of interest'

WASHINGTON | The new head of the FBI investigation into the deadly anthrax attacks says it is troubling that Dr. Steven J. Hatfill was publicly labeled a "person of interest" in the case by top law enforcement officials.

"The anthrax investigation has been beset by a number of leaks," said Michael A. Mason, who assumed leadership of the probe as head of the FBI's Washington field office.

Hatfill, a former government scientist, has denied any role in the 2001 attacks that killed five people and sickened 17 others. He has filed a lawsuit against Attorney General John Ashcroft and the FBI accusing the government of "a campaign of harassment."

Mason said Ashcroft may have had little choice in naming Hatfill because his name had already been leaked to the media. (AP)

A. Has Nation's Worst Traffic Delays

WASHINGTON | If it seems like more of your time is spent stuck in traffic, you may be right. In cities large and small, the daily struggle with traffic is getting worse.

The average rush-hour driver wasted more than two full days — about 51 hours — sitting in traffic in 2001, according to an annual report released Tuesday by the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University.

The price tag: \$69.5 billion in wasted time and gas, said the study, which looked at 75 urban areas.

The report found that the average rush-hour driver in Los Angeles spent about 90 hours waiting in traffic, far more than anywhere else.

The average delay dropped for commuters in San Antonio, Texas; Fresno, Calif.; and Pensacola, Fla.

Still, more improvements are needed, the report said. Among the recommendations: more roads to handle increased demand and adjusted work hours for commuters. Jennifer C. Kerr (AP)

TROUBLED TRAVELS

Commuters in the following areas wasted the most extra time in **Texas Transportation Institute:**

Los Angeles: 90 hours

2 San Francisco: 68 hours

3 Denver: 64 hours

5 Phoenix: 61 hours (tie)

7 San Jose, Calif.: 60 hours

8 Boston: 58 hours (tie)

8 Washington, D.C.: 58

8 Portland, Ore.: 58 hours (tie)

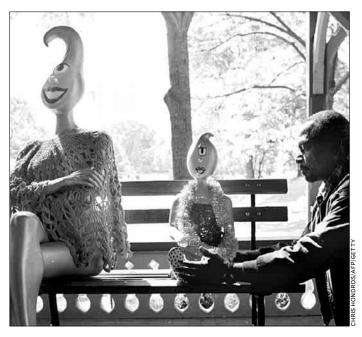
traffic in 2001, according to the

4 Miami: 63 hours

5 Chicago: 61 hours (tie)

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TRIBUTE | ART FOR THE PARK'S SAKE



PREPPING: Vanbert Green, a mover with Velvet Touch services, prepares to carry some of the items in "Target Benchmarks Central Park," a public art project celebrating the park's 150th anniversary, in which celebrities turned 50 park benches into creative works, in New York on Tuesday.

Jordan Denied Legal Funds in Lewinsky Probe

WASHINGTON | Vernon Jordan, the prominent Washington attorney who helped Monica Lewinsky find a job after she left the White House, will not be reimbursed for most of his legal bills arising from an investigation of then-President Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

Jordan asked the federal government to pay the \$302,719 in fees he spent to defend himself during the investigation by the independent counsel's office. But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said he was entitled to only \$1,215.



Beltway backups: An online discussion with one of the traffic study's authors and a place for you to sound off on the D.C. area's traffic woes | washingtonpost.com/metro

Jordan

The special threejudge panel rejected Jordan's argument that no other prosecutor would have conducted such an extensive investigation of his conduct

and dismissed his assertion that he never would have faced such a lengthy process if not for his position as a prominent lawyer and friend of the president. (AP)

Ky. Shelter Drops Fee for Homeless

LOUISVILLE, KY. | A Salvation Army homeless shelter has rescinded its policy of charging families \$5 a night after their first week at the shelter.

The local Salvation Army director, Maj. Todd Hawks, rescinded the charge Monday after learning about it in a newspaper article. He called the fee "ill-advised."

Mai. John Tolan, who oversees the shelter, said he instituted the fee Sept. 1 in an attempt to get families to pull themselves out of homelessness. (AP)



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World



U.S. troops haul a robot after clearing a mine from a street in Mosul Tuesday.

Iraqis, U.S. at Odds Over Funds

Council leaders push for more control of reconstruction money

WASHINGTON | Iraq's civilian leaders want more control over the \$20.3 billion in U.S. reconstruction money that the Bush administration is seeking from Congress, the interim head of Iraq's governing council said Tuesday.

The push by Ahmad Chalabi and other governing council members for greater political and financial control has raised concerns among Bush administration officials reluctant to turn over billions of dollars to an unelected group.

"We would like to enhance the consultation process," Chalabi said.

In the meantime, the Bush administration's hope that the Iraqis could write a constitution in six months' time could go by the wayside.

An Iraqi committee struggling to come up with a method for choosing a constitutional convention decided Tuesday to offer several options, including elections, which one member said could take 18 months to prepare. Barry Schweid (AP)

N. Korea Critical Of U.S. Position

UNITED NATIONS | North Korea toughened its stance in the nuclear standoff with the United States Tuesday, saying Pyongyang will not return to talks unless Washington takes "simultaneous action" to meet the communist nation's demands.

Vice Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon said to the U.N. General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting that the U.S., by insisting North Korea take "all actions first," was carrying out the hostile policy of a superpower seeking to overthrow the government by force.

Washington says North Korea must dismantle its nuclear programs before it addresses any other issue. Pyongyang says it will do so only if the United States signs a nonaggression treaty, provides economic aid and opens diplomatic ties.

Choe's comments came hours after a Foreign Ministry official in Pyongyang told the North Korean news agency that the country was taking "practical measures" to boost its nuclear capabilities. (AP)

Belgium Convicts 18 in Terror Ring

Former soccer player given 10 years in plot to kill U.S. troops

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | A court convicted 18 Muslims — including a soccer pro arrested after the Sept. 11 attacks for planning to blow up a base believed to hold U.S. nuclear weapons — and sentenced them Tuesday to up to 10 years in prison for involvement in a European terror ring.

Federal prosecutors charged the group had formed a "spider's web" of Islamic radicals plotting attacks

and recruiting fighters in Europe for al Qaeda and the nowdeposed Taliban in Afghanistan.

Nizar Trabelsi, a 33-year-old Tunisian who played

soccer for several German teams, was sentenced to the maximum 10 years. He admitted planning to

Trabelsi

drive a car bomb into the canteen at a Belgian air base where U.S. nuclear weapons are believed to be stored. He testified that he intended to kill American soldiers, not to detonate nuclear warheads. About 100 American military personnel are stationed at the base.

Sixteen others were convicted of lesser crimes and received sentences ranging from two to five years. Five defendants were acquitted for insufficient evidence.

U.S. Troops Withdraw From Liberia

MONROVIA, LIBERIA | U.S. military planes and helicopters carried the last few U.S. ground forces out of war-ruined Liberia on Tuesday.

About 30 members of a U.S. military liaison team flew out of Liberia's main airport. Their ship, the USS Iwo Jima, was no longer visible from Monrovia's shore by Tuesday afternoon, and was due to leave the region within hours.

The Iwo Jima was the last of three U.S. warships deployed in early August off the coast of Monrovia, Liberia's capital city where fighting killed more than 1,000 civilians in June and July as rebels besieged the city.

The presence of the U.S. troops helped drive President Charles Taylor into exile, clearing the way for a power-sharing deal between his government and rebels after 14 years of devastating conflict.

Liberians said Tuesday they had wanted to give the Americans a proper send-off.

"We welcomed the Americans when they arrived here overtly. Why their quiet departure?" asked 39-year old Mark Tingeh. "To leave without a ceremony to bid them goodbye is to present Liberians as an ungrateful people." (AP)

In Brief

CHECHNYA

P.M. Checks Out of Hospital

Chechnya's prime minister checked out of the hospital Tuesday, three days after first complaining of stomach pains that a member of his security force said was caused by deliberate poisoning, news agencies reported. Popov was hospitalized in Chechnya on Saturday evening after complaining of pain following a ceremony celebrating the opening of a new gas pipeline. (AP)

BALKANS Pace of Milosevic Trial To Slow Over Health Issues

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal agreed Tuesday to slow the pace of Slobodan Milosevic's trial, responding to concerns about the former Yugoslav president's health. The judges cut the number of weekly sessions to three half-days. Milosevic, 61, who oversaw four Balkan wars, is defending himself against 66 counts of war crimes, including genocide. (AP)

MAURITIUS

First Non-Hindu Becomes Leader of 'Rainbow Society'

Paul Berenger, a descendant of French settlers, became the first non-Hindu prime minister of Mauritius on Tuesday. Uninhabited before Portuguese and Dutch settlers arrived in the 1500s with African slaves, the nation is often described as a "rainbow society" because of its mixed population of Hindus, Muslims, Africans and Chinese. With an average per capita income of \$3,900, it is one of Africa's most prosperous nations. (AP)

Bolshoi Theater Ordered to Rehire 'Heavy' Ballerina

MOSCOW | Ballerina Anastasia Volochkova may be back at the Bolshoi for an encore.

Russian Labor officials on Tuesday ordered the Bolshoi Theater to reinstate Volochkova, who was fired two weeks ago amid allegations from other dancers that she was too heavy to lift.

The Labor Ministry ruled her dismissal violated labor law, saying she must be rehired by Oct. 6.

After her dismissal was announced, Volochkova, a stylish blonde who exudes movie-star glamour, said that she weighs about 110 pounds and is 5-feet-6.

The Bolshoi has insisted the issue ran deeper than her size, saying it fired Volochkova after she refused to sign a proposed contract. (AP)



FLIPPED OFF: Protesters carry kitchen utensils during a demonstration against government corruption outside a building owned by the family of Philippine President Gloria Arroyo in Manila Tuesday.

World

Disputed Barrier Up for Expansion

Israeli Cabinet to vote on shielding Jewish settlers in West Bank

JERUSALEM | Prime Minister Ariel Sharon wants to shield several Jewish settlements by extending Israel's security barrier deep into the West Bank, but he would leave gaps in the section, a Sharon adviser and a settler leader said Tuesday.

The gaps are intended to defuse U.S. objections that the fence could

mark a permanent border, they said. The plan, denounced by Palestinians as a land grab, comes up for approval before the Cabinet on Wednesday and is likely to pass.

In its bid to stop Palestinian suicide bombers, Israel has already built almost 100 miles of the barrier, which may eventually stretch up to four times that distance.

Portions of the barrier — a network of fences, walls, razor wire and trenches — run on West Bank land, but to date it has largely kept to the Israel-West Bank dividing line known as the "Green Line." Under the new proposal the barrier would veer almost 20 miles into the territory.

The United States backed the Palestinians' opposition to the barrier's extension when the idea was first raised several months ago. On Tuesday, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher did not rule out reductions in U.S. loan guarantees to Israel because of the barrier.

JASON KEYSER (AP)

Pope's Health Declines

Vatican adviser urges faithful to pray for ailing pontiff

VATICAN CITY | Ailing Pope John Paul II is "in a bad way," one of his closest advisers said in remarks published Tuesday.

The comments by German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger raised concerns the pope's health might have deteriorated. The pontiff is 83 and suffers from Parkinson's disease, which makes it very difficult for him to speak and walk.

"We should pray for the pope," Ratzinger told a German weekly.

The comments were made Sept. 22, a day before the pontiff skipped his weekly general audience due to an intestinal ailment.

Asked whether Ratzinger's comments indicated any change in the pope's condition, the Vatican press office replied by noting that on Wednesday John Paul would resume the tradition of holding an audience once a week.

Vatican officials have only recently been publicly commenting on the pope's health problems. Earlier this year, the Vatican finally acknowledged that he suffers from the neurological disorder known as Parkinson's disease.

FRANCES D'EMILIO (AP)

Official reaction: More on the Vatican's response to Ratzinger's comments. Today's Post: Section A

CHINA | RED REMODELED



PAST AND PRESENT: A boy stands before sculptures of Chinese Red Army soldiers in Shanghai Tuesday on the eve of National Day, which marks the anniversary of the 1949 founding of the People's Republic of China.

U.S. Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Insurgents killed an American soldier and wounded two others in a fierce gunbattle, the military said Tuesday, in violence that underscored the stiffening resistance nearly two years after a U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban from power.

The latest battle occurred Monday near a coalition base in eastern Paktika province a few miles from the Pakistan border, spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said from Bagram Air Base, the U.S. military headquarters in Afghanistan.

"One coalition service member died of wounds received in combat and two others were wounded as a result of fighting," Davis said in a statement. "Coalition forces killed two enemy fighters."

The soldier's death brings to 36 the number of U.S. troops killed in action in Afghanistan since the war to oust the Taliban began in late 2001. (AP)

HEARSAY | LONESOME HAWK



"It's not so much American unilateralism I fear. It's isolation. It's walking away when we need America there engaged."

-BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR

DEFENDING HIS DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S.-LED INVASION OF IRAQ IN A 50-MINUTE ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF LABOR PARTY LOYALISTS IN BOURNEMOUTH. ENGLAND. ON TUESDAY.



WHO KNEW? Chile is believed to be the only country in the Western Hemisphere that outlaws divorce, and there have been at least 12 failed attempts to legalize it over the past 90 years. (AP)



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Region

Malvo Set to Testify

Teenage sniper suspect will speak at Muhammad hearing

MANASSAS, VA. | Lee Boyd Malvo will be called as a witness Wednesday in a pretrial hearing for fellow sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad.

It is unclear, though, what the teenager will be asked about or whether he will agree to testify.

Lt. Tyler Corey, a spokesman for the Fairfax County jail, con-



Malvo

firmed that Prince William County authorities picked up Malvo Tuesdav at the Fairfax jail in advance of . Wednesday's hearing in Manassas.

Peter Greenspun, Muhammad's lawyer, said Malvo was called as a witness regarding a motion that is under court seal, and said he could not comment further.

He said he did not subpoena Malvo as a witness.

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

Two other motions are set for argument Wednesday. One seeks to suppress statements by Muhammad to investigators following his Oct. 24 arrest. The second seeks to bar the death penalty on one of two capital-murder counts levied against Muhammad. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)



Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich surveys damage from Hurricane Isabel in North Beach, Md. on Sept. 20. State estimates place storm damages in the billions.

Md.'s Isabel Damages Estimated in Billions

BALTIMORE | Hurricane Isabel caused between \$4 billion and \$6 billion in damage statewide, a state economic official said Tuesday.

"I don't think that there's ever been anything that's been bigger," said Vernon Thompson, Maryland's deputy secretary of economic development.

Thompson, who toured damaged businesses Tuesday on the Eastern Shore, cautioned that the estimate is "very rough." The estimate will likely change once the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other officials sort through thousands of disaster relief applications that are expected to be submitted by the November deadline.

The estimate includes the state cleanup; the destruction suffered by thousands of homes and businesses and costs associated with power outages that left more than 1 million utility customers in the dark.

Gov. Robert Ehrlich said Thompson's estimate was premature, noting his administration is still working to add up a figure that will include money lost by businesses that had to close during the storm.

State officials have estimated that Isabel caused \$40 million in damage to state property, \$30 million of which will be reimbursed by the federal government, Ehrlich said. Foster Klug (AP)

Pepco Criticized by Council, Residents

WASHINGTON | Pepco officials got an earful Tuesday from District of Columbia residents and lawmakers, angry over the utility's performance following Hurricane Isabel.

"There wasn't really good followthrough on the citizen complaints," D.C. Council member Adrian Fenty, D-Ward 4, said at the hearing of the Subcommittee on Public Interest.

More than 100,000 Pepco cus-

tomers in the District lost power at some point due to damage caused by the hurricane.

"Hurricane Isabel inflicted more damage than the damage of any other storm in our region's history," said Pepco President William J. Sim.

The company has replaced 215 poles and 157 transformers between four and six times the amount of critical equipment replaced following the January 1999 ice storm.

Many witnesses and council members expressed an interest in burying more power lines below ground. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Taking blame: David Nakamura reports that after the hearing, Pepco President William Sim apologized for the extended blackouts | washingtonpost.com/metro

Money

In Brief

Watchdog Calls for Tighter Rules on Product Placement

They're stealth commercials within a television show: a soft drink can in front of an "American Idol" judge, a bag of chips offered to a starving "Survivor" contestant. Watchdog group Commercial Alert says these embedded ads are getting out of control, and asked federal authorities Tuesday to enact stricter rules regarding their use. Product placements within TV shows is a growing trend as networks become increasingly nervous about the impact of digital video recorders like TiVo, which allow viewers to skip commercials. (AP)

RETAIL | WIRED HELP



MR. (AND MRS.) ROBOTO: "His and Hers" robots were unveiled Tuesday in Dallas; they can be yours for \$400,000 through the new Neiman Marcus catalog.

RIAA Chair Defends Lawsuits on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON | The Recording **Industry Association of America** said Tuesday it will send notification letters to encourage settlements before it files lawsuits against people accused of illegally distributing music online.

The RIAA's chairman and CEO, Mitch Bainwol, testifying before a Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee, defended the lawsuits as a "last resort."

"The market is just falling apart when you're competing against free," he said. "This was the last thing we had in our quiver."

The music industry trade group blames lagging CD sales on the downloading of music.

The subcommittee chairman, Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), called the hearing to look into whether the recording industry's tactics were too heavy-handed.

Lorraine Sullivan, a 28-year-old student at Hunter College in New York who settled her case, said she was horrified when she learned that the RIAA had sued her and that federal law set penalties at \$750 to \$150,000 per song.

"I thought my life was over and that I'd have to file for bankruptcy," she said. The RIAA agreed to settle her case for \$2,500. FREDERIC J. FROMMER (AP)

Copyrights in question: In-depth coverage of the Senate hearing and both sides of the issue in today's Post: Business Section.

'Tienes E-Mail': AOL Targets Latinos

NEW YORK | America Online is launching a service Wednesday for the burgeoning market of U.S. households where Spanish is mostly or exclusively spoken.

In addition to the familiar "you've got mail" greeting, AOL Latino is wholly in Spanish — from e-mail to Web browsing and customer support.

AOL is partnering with about 20 U.S. providers of Hispanic con-

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tent and linking to major Latin American newspapers. "It's not just AOL in Spanish," said David Wellisch, general manager for AOL Latino. "It's about issues Hispanic communities face — immigration, issues about their countries."

The service will cost as much as regular AOL - \$23.90 a month. Currently, about 30 percent of AOL features are available in Spanish, said Wellisch. Anick Jesdanun (AP)

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LibtyMB	10.30	01	+12.0
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Sports

Twins Take the Lead on Yankees

Minnesota surprises New York, 3-1, in first game of playoff series

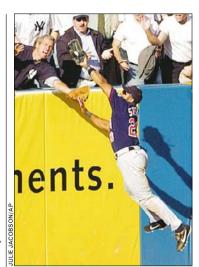
PRO BASEBALL | Those pesky Minnesota Twins quickly put the New York Yankees in another postseason funk.

Torii Hunter circled the bases when his line drive resulted in a pair of misplays, as the Twins defeated the Yankees 3-1 in Tuesday's American League playoff opener.

Despite their troubles, the Yankees threatened to pull off a ninth-inning comeback. But a spectacular catch by Shannon Stewart helped Eddie Guardado escape allowing only one run.

Twins starter Johan Santana left after four innings because of a leg cramp, but Rick Reed, J.C. Romero, LaTroy Hawkins and Guardado cobbled together a nine-hitter that gave the AL Central champions a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Minnesota tries to make it 2-0 Thursday night when Brad Radke



Minnesota's Shannon Stewart steals a ninth-inning home run Tuesday.

pitches against Andy Pettitte. During its run of nine straight postseason appearances, New York has won all three first-round series in which they dropped the opener. RONALD BLUM (AP)

Brave new world: For results of the Cubs-Braves playoff game, visit washingtonpost.com/sports.

Thrashers' Heatley Charged in Crash

Snyder listed as stable after two-hour surgery

PRO HOCKEY | Atlanta Thrashers star Dany Heatley was charged Tuesday with reckless driving after his sports car swerved off a road and careened into a wall at about 80 mph, breaking his jaw and critically injuring a teammate.

Dan Snyder, a backup center, underwent a two-hour surgery for a skull fracture. Heatley, the MVP of the 2003 All-Star game, was hospitalized in stable condition.

At a news conference at Grady Memorial Hospital, the neurosur-



Police officer Jeff Hensal examines the scene of the accident in Atlanta Tuesday.

geon who operated on Snyder said he was still unconscious but there wasn't any bleeding in the brain.

Heatley also has a minor concus-

sion, a contusion on his lung and a bruised kidney, according to the team's physician, Dr. Scott Gillogly. He also was charged with serious injury by vehicle and three misdemeanors, police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Iosty said. Keith Parsons (AP)

Capital ideas: Capitals owner Ted Leonsis talks about how Washington will fare in the new NHL season at I p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Today's TV Lineup

BASEBALL (4 p.m. on ESPN) Former Oriole Sidney Ponson takes the mound for the San Francisco Giants in game two of their series with the Florida Marlins.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) The Chicago Cubs have Carlos Zambrano pitching for them against Mike Hampton and the Atlanta Braves.

BASEBALL (10 p.m. on ESPN) Pedro Martinez leads the Boston Red Sox

againstTim Hudson and the Oakland A's in the first game of the teams' playoff series.

SOCCER (4:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Brazil and Sweden meet in a Women's World Cup quarterfinal in Foxboro, Mass.

SOCCER (7:25 p.m. on ESPN2) The United States takes on longtime rival Norway in a Women's World Cup quarterfinal match in Foxboro, Mass.

Sports Columnist 'Outs' Himself

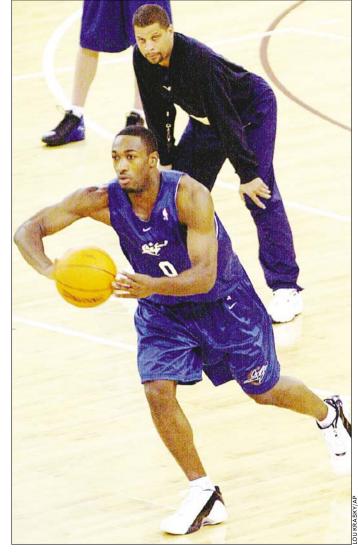
BOSTON | A Boston Herald sports writer came out as gay in a column Tuesday, saying he could no longer tolerate the "unabashed homophobia" in professional sports.

"I just got to the point where I didn't want to be silent anymore," Ed Gray said. "In the sports world, homophobia is tolerated."

In his column, Gray cited recent comments by New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey, who was quoted calling Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells a "homo," and San Francisco 49ers running back Garrison Hearst, who said, "I don't want any faggots on my team." Neither was punished by the NFL. Shockey said he was misquoted and Hearst apologized.

JAY LINDSAY (AP)

nist BASKETBALL | TRAINING DAY



NEW FACES: New Washington Wizards head coach Eddie Jordan watches as Gilbert Arenas, the team's marquee free-agent signee, throws a pass Tuesday during the first day of training camp in Charleston, S.C.

In Brief

OLYMPICS

IOC Starts Ball Rolling On Young Investigation

The International Olympic Committee opened disciplinary proceedings Tuesday in Jerome Young's 1999 positive drug test, a case that could cost the United States a relay gold medal from the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The IOC said it was acting following confirmation by the U.S.

Olympic Committee last week that Young tested positive for steroids in 1999 but was cleared on appeal by U.S. track and field officials. Young went on to win a gold medal as part of the men's 1,600-meter relay team in Sydney. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Orioles Can Talk to Murray

Indians general manager Mark Shapiro gave the Baltimore Orioles permission to interview Hall of Famer Eddie Murray, Cleveland's hitting coach, for their managerial opening. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Giants Shut Out Marlins

Jason Schmidt pitched the San Francisco Giants to their first playoff shutout in 16 years, throwing a three-hitter for a 2-0 victory over the Florida Marlins in Game 1 Tuesday. He outdueled Josh Beckett while Barry Bonds and the Giants took advantage of an error by Florida to score the go-ahead run. (AP)

Entertainment

Brothers in Blues

One hundred years of a great American art form defeats seven modern directors

TELEVISION | It's oddly comforting to know that the voice of Blind Willie Johnson is drifting into deep space, bundled into the package of Earth data aboard Voyager I.

Johnson's 1927 recording "Dark Was the Night — Cold Was the Ground" is a slow, moaning, all but wordless meditation on mortality.

The story of that record's interstellar destiny is perhaps the defining segment in the 10-plus hours of "The Blues," the Martin Scorsese-produced series that premiered last Sunday on PBS.

This subject is as rich for exploration as PBS's other historical blockbusters — on the Civil War, jazz, baseball. It, too, tells a story about America; it's populated by colorful, larger-than-life characters and is packed with compelling tales.

Given that potential, all the stars seemed aligned for "The Blues," which comes as a crowning event in this congressionally decreed "Year of the Blues."

In what is either a daring artistic gamble or a harebrained scheme, Scorsese constructed his series by commissioning seven directors (including himself) to create feature-length, blues-themed films.

The filmmakers responded with a variety of agendas and styles, from standard documentary to ambitious mixes of fiction and archival material.

But the seven shows taken together don't maintain a thematic line. Jazz fan Clint Eastwood's



Blues was in its adolescence when Koko Taylor (top left) came along; Bobby Rush (bottom) added soul and showmanship, while activistrapper Chuck D (right) used his group, Public Enemy, to agitate as well as entertain.

"Piano Blues" is as much about jazz

as blues, and in "Red, White and

Blues," Mike Figgis devotes his time

Richard Pearce captures the vibran-

cy of the music as it moved from the

country to cities. Charles Burnett's

"Warming by the Devil's Fire" also

tries to provide social context, depict-

ing the flow of black life by framing

the history of the blues with a fic-

Marc Levin was lucky enough

In "The Road to Memphis,"

to British blues-rock musicians.



to have the ebullient Marshall Chess (the son of Chess Records co-founder Leonard Chess) as the central figure for "Godfathers and Sons," in which the action pivots on the relationship between Chess and Chuck D, the leader of Public

But the jewel of the series was Wim Wenders's "Soul of a Man." The German director wove the stories of three artists into a study of fate and spirituality. The poet-

Enemy and one of the music world's

most articulate figures.

ic film underscores that the blues grew in the wild, largely driven by isolated visionaries and fostered in loose, informal networks.

Maybe Scorsese's methodology was meant to honor that spirit, like a bandleader trusting his soloists to create something bigger, grander and richer than the sum of its parts.

If so, his daring wasn't matched by his judgment. Right now, the sound of "Ken Burns's Blues" has a pretty nice ring. RICHARD CROMELIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)





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Hey Colligan, Man: Dropping Science

George Colligan is best known for hooking up his piano to the vocals of Cassandra Wilson, but tonight he's performing with his band, Mad Science, featuring guitarist Tom Guarna and Rodney Holmes on drums.

Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 and 10 p.m.; 202-337-4141.

Professor Jazz: Dave Brubeck and Students

The jazz pianist-composer leads his famed quartet and a sextet of young performers from the Brubeck Institute, which would technically make what they're calling the Dave Brubeck Quartet the Dave Brubeck ... what, Decatet? Anyway, they all play tonight, along with the institute's artistic director, bassist Christian McBride.

Library of Congress, Coolidge Auditorium, 10 First St. SE; 8 p.m., free with \$2 Ticketmaster fee; 202-707-5502. (Capitol South)



Brubeck and 88 of his oldest friends get together at a 1999 French jazz festival.

Glam Slam: Plugged In at Five

Once a month, the club Five dispenses with even the pretense of guitars on the dance floor and hosts Electrotease, a night of synthesizer-based pop with plenty of glammy sparkle, raucous keyboard-punk and chilly '80s frost. Expect a surprise live act of the notmoving-around-much ilk (OK, it's Peaches and Electrocute).

Five, 1214-B 18th St. NW; 10 p.m., \$10 before 11 p.m.; \$15 after; electrotease.com (Farragut West)

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Bullets Over South Beach

tional drama.

The 'Scarface' reissue kills

DVD | With his usual bombast, bullets and buckets of blood, Brian DePalma updates the 1932 gangster classic "Scarface," with Al Pacino taking on the lead as a Cuban refugee who ruthlessly rises to power as a Miami drug lord.

This new two-disc DVD version from Universal includes interviews with DePalma, Pacino and screenwriter Oliver Stone on the history of the story, from the original movie through script development on the remake. The set also offers a background featurette on the filmmakers' delicate balance between nauseating violence and maintaining an R rating.

There's an amusing montage contrasting the grisly theatrical version with the way the movie played on television. Also available in a deluxe boxed set that includes the 1932 version starring Paul Muni. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



PERIL AMID THE PALMS: A wounded Tony Montana.

Entertainment

TopStops

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Art Times Two: Double Take at Watkins

A show so good you'll give it the once-over twice: "Double Take" features 50 years of paintings by D.C. artists. Among the 14 artists included in this D.C.-centric retrospective are Sam Gilliam, Carol Stockewell and Alma Thomas.

Watkins Gallery, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Through Oct. 25 (Tenleytown-AU)

Washington Ballet: 'Firebird' Hatches

Most productions of "The Firebird" involve the ballerina running around stage barefoot while the titular beast flaps her wings. Washington Ballet artistic director Septime Webre wants more from his 'Bird. His version of the Russian folk tale previews tonight along with William Forsythe's "In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated" and Choo-San Goh's "Momentum."

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 8 p.m., \$29-\$59; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



A suggestion of flight and flame: Erin Mahoney as the Firebird.

Family Affair: Shankars Team Up

The world's best-known classical Indian musician, Ravi Shankar, comes to town with his sitar — the difficult, evocative instrument he made famous in the '60s - and his accomplished sitarplaying daughter, Anoushka.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 8 p.m., \$20-\$65; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)





ANOTHER "DAY": R.E.M. refits an old sound with a new message — plenty enough work for a band with 20 years under its belt.

Singles at Play

New rap, rock and a warning shot from a maverick hitmaker

When last we heard from nowtrio R.E.M., it seemed as if the modern rock-cum-pop staple had pretty much run its course, recycling themes and running short on hooks.

"Bad Day," a single from the upcoming "In Time: The Best of 1988-2003" (Warner Bros.) is a step up, showcasing a keen message about media manipulation, along with one of the more convincing vocals of late from lead singer Michael Stipe.

All in all, it's a pleasantry for diehard fans, but less than the best for a group whose greatest impact was felt before it ever reached the top 40.

Now that 50 Cent has become a household name, the Queens, N.Y., native looks to do the same with his G Unit crew — Lloyd Banks, Young Buck, the currently imprisoned Tony Yayo and 50 Cent — who seem to be well on their way with "Stunt 101."

Serving as the lead single to forthcoming debut "Beg for Mercy," the quartet remains true to 50 Cent's gritty lyrical style on the Denaun



EVERYTHING GOES WITH PINK: Missundaeztimated continues to prove herself.

Porter-produced track.

While 50 Cent drops his requisite verse, Banks and Buck carry their own weight and then some. Radio is likely to devour the single in the same way it has with every song that has had anything to do with 50 Cent this year.

Pink demonstrated on her second album, "M!ssundazstood," that she is a force to be reckoned with, insisting that doing things her own way and delivering a message of hard living and tough love — would ultimately prove more successful than hitching a ride on the swankier youth bandwagon of the late '90s.

New single "Trouble," the first release from her upcoming Arista set, "Try This," is appropriately gritty, lined with plenty of electric guitars and street-smart vocals that leave Avril and her sneering contemporaries in a trail of pixie dust.

Pink continues to forge her own path with ass-kicking melodies and an image that is cast in iron; she is wholly believable with this onelisten song, which should — at last - give her the No. 1 hit that has thus far eluded her in the U.S. Pink is truly a bright spot in a colorless pop world. (Los angeles times)

KAREN SISCO (10 p.m., ABC) Sisco (Carla Gugino) is the strongest female character of the new season. A federal marshal and the daughter of a suave Miami Beach private eye (Robert Forster), Karen has grown up around law enforcement and those who need enforcing.

When not sharing quips with Dad or fighting off the advances of a probable

felon, she's fighting to remember just what happened when she took a .45 slug to the chest. It's a good thing she looks stylish in a Mylar vest.



If it survives opposite "Law &

Order," "Sisco" may emerge as the coolest and most visually recognizable cop drama since "Miami Vice."

WILL & GRACE, ALL IS FORGIVEN IT'S ALL RELATIVE (8:30 p.m, ABC) The premise is as old as "Romeo and Juliet" and as annoying as "Amos 'n' Andy." Bobby O'Neil (Reid Scott), the son of two Irish stereotypes, falls in love with Liz (Maggie Lawson), the daughter of two gay stereotypes. Cue the laugh track and wait for cancellation.

Bobby's boorish Boston bartender father (Lenny Clarke) brays like Fred Flintstone, but lacks the charm and subtlety of that 2-D Neanderthal. Still, it's hardly worth getting worked up over a show this doomed and stupid.

WHO'S THONG IS THIS?

PARADISE HOTEL (8 p.m., Fox) The summer season's sleaziest show concludes as the quests check out.

SUPERBAD

SMALLVILLE (8 p.m., WB) Still under the influence of Kryptonite, Clark falls in with crime lord Morgan Edge (Rutger Hauer) on the season premiere.

PITY THE PRESIDENTIAL POOCH THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) Josh fumes at the new regime as the acting president (John Goodman) goes ballistic. Memo to CJ: We know you're upset about Walker's gung-ho tone, but don't take it out on his pug!

HE CAN FILE FOR US ANYTIME ANGEL (9 p.m., WB) Spike helps Angel with his new job.

JUMPIN' JEHOSEPHAT!

ANCIENT EVIDENCE (10 p.m., Discovery) The new series employs scientists, historians and forensic experts to look for the facts behind the Bible's best-known

STORIES. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Lookout



MEDICAL SCREENING: Dr. Louis Kavoussi appears on Dr. Robot's monitor as he/it makes patients' rounds via remote at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

When the real thing isn't available, will a virtual doctor do?

SCIENCE | The newest staff member at The Johns Hopkins Hospital stands just over 5 feet and looks like an oversized vacuum cleaner with a video screen for a head.

"Dr. Robot" is part of a study at Hopkins that asks: If a patient's own doctor isn't physically available, would that patient rather see and talk with their doctor through an interactive robot or see a substitute physician in person?

Dr. Louis Kavoussi, who is conducting the feasibility study, says the answer, so far, favors Dr. Robot.

"All these patients have a preexisting relationship with me," said Kavoussi, a professor and vice chairman of Hopkins' urology department. "So this is not an impersonal visit. I know them. ... They'd absolutely rather see me, even if it's virtual."

The study, to involve about 40 patients, is designed to gauge patients' attitudes toward Dr. Robot.

Kavoussi, a member of the scientific advisory board for InTouch Health Inc., the company that makes the robot, said he is optimistic the robot is "going to be accepted by patients as a mechanism to interact with their physicians."

If successful, the study will be followed by a larger one, with more patients at multiple hospitals, to make sure the care rendered by the robots is equivalent to in-person care. The current study is expected to be completed in October.

Kavoussi said the robots could one day be used to help treat patients when it's not possible to send in physicians, such as in military operations and natural disasters.

With the robot — which has infrared sensors, a movable video screen, a zoom video camera, a microphone and a speaker — doctors can examine patients from hundreds of miles away, using a joystick and an Internet connection.

"You get a lot of information from looking at a patient's face in terms of how they're doing — their gestures, their aura," Kavoussi said. "All that can come across very, very well" through the robot.

When the robot rolled into Elizabeth Mints's room after her kidney surgery, she said she was surprised to see how clear Kavoussi's image appeared on the video screen and how easily she could communicate with him through the robot.

"If he can't be there in person, this is a good substitute. You got a sense that Dr. Kavoussi was on the other side." FOSTER KLUG (AP)

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Blood and Chocolate

South Pennsylvania has war, Hershey's and Amish people

TRIPS | Traveling through south-central Pennsylvania offers a full-course meal: from a visit to Gen. Robert E. Lee's bullet-scarred head-quarters in Gettysburg, to a mean-dering buggy ride to see the Amish community and the fall foliage in Lancaster County, to a tour of the sweet facilities at Hersheypark.

Take rustic Route 30, once famed as the Lincoln Highway, to start in Gettysburg, site of the bloodiest battle ever on U.S. soil and home to more monuments per square foot than perhaps anyplace in the country.

Most every building in town seems to hold some bit of historical import. On the main square, the Gettysburg Hotel, now a Best Western, dates to the 18th century. A Gettysburg tip: If you're lost, ask anyone in a period costume for help.

From Gettysburg, head to Lancaster County. The pace moves s-l-o-w-l-y, and that suits most visitors just fine. At Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides, the drivers take visitors out on a 3.5 mile, 30-minute tour of the landscape. Barefoot children scurry about Amish homes, as their parents work the family farm or dairy.

There are many inexpensive family-style restaurants, with meals made from local produce.



Just a few hours from Washington, D.C., the Civil War rages on. Or, at least, eerie reenactments in Gettysburg, Penn., do.

Area farms advertise homemade relishes or jams, along with what is likely the freshest barbecued chicken available anywhere.

It's just 30 miles from the solitude of Lancaster County to the crowds and noise of Hersheypark. The rides at this sprawling theme park are impressive. Try the Great Bear, which whips around (and upside down) at speeds of 60 mph.

Finish off the trip with a visit to the Hershey's candy factory, an excursion that ends with a tasty freebie: one of the confectioner's trademark chocolates for everyone. LARRY MCSHANE (AP)

IF YOU GO ...

GETTING THERE: All three sites are easily accessible by car from several major cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Use U.S. Route 30 to reach Gettysburg and several towns in Lancaster County.

GETTING AROUND: Gettysburg features several walking tours, while Lancaster County requires a car to get from attraction to attraction. At Hersheypark, park the car and forget about it for the day.

GETTYSBURG: www.gettysburg.com or call the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau at (717) 334-6274.

LANCASTER COUNTY: www.padutch.com, or call (800) 723-8824. **HERSHEYPARK:** www.hersheypark.com or (800) HERSHEY. Hershey is closed between Sept. 27 and Oct. 12, but reopens for three Halloweenthemed "Hersheypark in the Dark" weekends. (AP)

Several major airlines will now allow changes to nonrefundable tickets.

Airlines Lighten Up on Ticket Restrictions

In an effort to win back travelers who have switched to low-fare carriers, the "big six" airlines recently rolled back their restrictions on nonrefundable tickets. They're allowing passengers to rebook after their scheduled departures.

The new rule applies only to nonrefundable tickets on which changes are allowed. That excludes many sold on the Internet.

Here's how some airline ticket policies stack up. For rebooking, all airlines require you to purchase a new ticket at current fare: JetBlue: \$25 fee (waived if new fare is at least \$100 more than the original); must call to cancel before departure; one year from departure date to use; all nonrefundable tickets are eligible.

Delta: \$100 fee for domestic, \$200 fee for international; no call required; one year from purchase to use (international ticket must be exchanged for another international ticket).

American: \$100 domestic, \$200 international; cancellation call required before departure; one year from purchase to use.

Continental: \$100 domestic, \$200

international; cancellation call required before departure; one year from purchase to use.

United: \$100 domestic, \$200 international; cancellation call required before departure; one year from purchase to use (international flight must be rescheduled at time of cancellation).

Northwest: \$100 domestic, \$200 international; cancellation call required before departure; one year from purchase to use.

US Airways: \$100 domestic, \$200 international; call required before 11:59 p.m. on departure date; one year from purchase to use. JAMES GILDEN (L.A. TIMES)

TRAVEL TALK

Live Online

The Washington Post travel staff, aka **THE FLIGHT CREW**, takes queries and comments at washingtonpost.com/liveonline every Monday at 2 p.m.

I'll be going to L.A., and while I'm there I want to see the famous Pacific Coast Highway. What stretch is the most scenic?

Basically, the best scenery is north of L.A. and south of San Francisco. The best part of the drive is the Big Sur, which runs just north of Morro Bay (feel free to skip that town) and ends about Carmel. Technically you can drive it in a day, but allow yourself as much time as possible.

My fiance and I are looking to make a last-minute getaway this weekend, and we don't want to drive more than three hours each way. What's great this time of year?

Anything involving the outdoors, we say. As the leaves turn, Shenandoah should start looking marvelous — however, thousands may share the same sentiment. But the Blue Ridge Mountains may offer the same sights with fewer people (however, longer drive). You can also head to Worcester County and do the 100-mile inn-to-inn biking circuit without sweating too much. Or Charlottesville should be hopping with college-y things to do.

My wife and I are looking for a bike tour in the Carolinas that will let us stay at a bed and breakfasts by night and ride bikes by day.

The company www.carolinatail winds.com has been highly recommended to us. For other options, try www.carolinaworldweb.com.

What do you think about time shares?

The theme I hear again and again is that you need to buy the top-level (I guess they have levels of membership, such as silver, gold and platinum) so you can exchange easily. Otherwise you're stuck with the leftovers.

Flee the country. Fly from Washington to London, Paris, Dublin or Florence for \$360 roundtrip or less. Find these and other airfare specials at www.washingtonpost.com/travel

Cars

Fueling the Future

They save energy and the air, but you can't buy one — yet

DRIVING GREEN | General Motors Corp. calls it the Hy-wire: a car that puts fuel-cell technology in a futuristic body. It lacks foot pedals and a traditional steering wheel.

It scoots along on a skateboardlike chassis containing everything that runs the car, including hydrogen fuel cells that power an electric motor. The driver controls the Hywire by twisting handgrips to accelerate, squeezing them to brake and tilting them to steer. In a test drive, the ride was smooth and quiet.

The Hy-wire was one of the stars of last week's Michelin-sponsored Challenge Bibendum, where automakers displayed 100 vehicles powered by electric motors, hybrid engines, fuel cells and other eco-friendly technologies aimed at reducing pollution and boosting fuel economy.

But environmentalists say the auto show, complete with test-drive opportunities at Sonoma's Infineon Raceway just north of San Francisco, clouds the pollution debate. Although encouraged by the long-term potential of these next-generation technologies, they complain that auto makers keep opposing higher fuel-efficiency standards — and keep selling gas-guzzling SUVs.



IT FEELS PRETTY: The electric-powered Nissan HyperMini gets primped for its appearance in the Michelin-sponsored Challenge Bibendum last week.

The Challenge Bibendum demonstrated the wide spectrum of alternative-fuel technology under development.

DaimlerChrysler featured several prototypes of diesel-powered vehicles, including cars that run on biodiesel, which combines diesel fuel with renewable resources such as corn. Next year, the company plans to introduce diesel-powered versions of its Jeep Cherokee and Mercedes-Benz.

Almost all carmakers believe hydrogen fuel cells will power the cars of tomorrow. Fuel cells generate electricity from a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen and release only water as waste. General Motors is perhaps most bullish on fuel cells. The company has invested \$1 billion and spends more than a quarter of its research budget on fuel-cell development, said Scott Fosgard, GM's communications director for advanced technology vehicles.

While most car makers believe fuel cells won't hit the mainstream market for 15 to 20 years, GM targets 2010 as the year it wants to start selling fuel-cell vehicles, possibly including a version of the Hywire, Fosgard said.

Asked why GM opposes raising fuel-efficiency standards, Fosgard said the company doesn't have the money to develop fuel cells and more efficient gas-powered cars at the same time. TERENCE CHEA (AP)



CORN-FED: Daimler Chrysler's prototype Dodge RAM 3500 Quad Cab runs on biodiesel fuel, which combines diesel with renewable resources such as corn.



CYCLOPEAN. A visitor tries out an electric-powered vehicle from Phoenix Environmental Motors, on display in downtown Sonoma, Calif., last week.

Chat got your tongue? Auto expert Pat Goss's last discussion was canceled by Isabel. Try him again this Thursday at II a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.



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Cars



SUN-KISSED CHARIOT: The Cadillac SRX basks in the glow of its own opulence.

Caddy Crossover

Cadillac's mid-size SRX is daintier than Cousin Escalade

ROAD TEST | The 2004 SRX is Cadillac's first crossover. Unlike the Cadillac Escalade, which is a big, truckish SUV, the SRX is a wagon-like vehicle that rides on the same car platform as the CTS sedan, has up to three rows of seats and is available with all-wheel drive (of course).

With a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$38,690 for a V6-powered model and \$46,995 for one with a V8, the mid-size SRX is meant to compete with other luxury crossovers.

Drivers who have mountain twisties and windy roads nearby will have opportunities galore to relish the fine road manners of this vehicle that looks like an SUV but doesn't handle like one. The test SRX V8 AWD took curves with gusto and bounded up mountain roads while not being punishing or rigid in its ride.

There was lots of grip from the 18-inch, Michelin all-season tires on the test vehicle. And the suspension does a great job of controlling the level of roll and/or pitch so the vehicle maintains a flat attitude.

On the test drive, there always was plentiful, smooth power available, and I often found myself traveling at a higher speed than I would

have guessed. Torque is 315 footpounds at 4,400 rpm. This V8 is the same engine that's in Cadillac's new eye-catching roadster, the 2004 XLR.

I did find the 69.5 cubic feet of maximum cargo space at the back of the SRX a bit disappointing. But second-row legroom of 41 inches in the SRX is noteworthy.

Prices on the SRX can get expensive quickly, especially when some fun features — such as rear entertainment system and the huge, hyped UltraView sunroof — are added. ANN M. JOB (AP)

2004 CADILLAC SRX V8

TYPE: Front-engine, all-wheeldrive, seven-passenger, midsize, luxury SUV

ENGINE: 4.6-liter, double overhead cam, Northstar V8 with variable valve timing

WEIGHT: 4,442 pounds **MILEAGE**: 16 mpg city, 20 mpg

highway

OPTIONS: Package featuring all-

wheel drive, navigation system, Magnetic Ride Control, Bose sound system and high-intensity discharge headlamps), \$7,145; third-row seat, \$1,000; UltraView roof, \$1,800

BASE PRICE: \$37,995 for V6 model with two-wheel drive; \$46,300 for V8 model with twowheel drive

CAR CARE

Live Online

 $From\ washington post.com/live on line$

LOU ANN HAMMOND has been in the automotive business since 1986. She is the founder and owner of the carlist.com, a used car database.

I own a 2000 BMW 528i Sport with Continental Sport Contact tires. What is your advice regarding snow tires for winter here? I love the wet/dry traction of my summer tires, but I don't want to be slipsliding if D.C. sees snow.

Think of tires like you would shoes. If you buy a pair made for summer and one made for winter and wear them in the appropriate time period, you will have both pairs longer. Not only that, but you will change the tires every six months, and presumably get a wheel alignment and your tire pressure checked every six months. Those are important factors for the life of your tires and your car.

A fully trimmed Hyundai Sonata GLS v6 (sunroof, ABS, etc.) or a basic Sonata LX?

I'm for luxury. As a car ages, the seats get older and the car feels smaller, so I go for as much luxury as I can afford. I tend to like the car longer that way. If you might need to sell soon, decide based on the resale numbers.

My car was in an accident and has been declared a total loss by the body shop. Can I negotiate the value of the car with the insurance company? I understand they use the National Automobile Dealers Association's values, which are lower than Blue Book's.

Yes, you can. What you can do is look in newspapers in your area and see what your car is going for. Call a couple of sellers. Tell them what you are doing and ask if they would mind telling you what their cars went for.

I've heard Car Max is the best place to buy a used car. Do you agree?

I would always shop around. Don't forget to look at cars being sold by private individuals. In this economy there are inevitably people who will have to sell their cars. There should be some good deals out there.

Playback

Crossword Puzzle | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*

ACROSS

- 1 Tito Puente's dance 6 River to the Caspian
- 10 Choral category
- 14 Atlantis' cover
- 15 Wrap for a rani
- 16 Where the Amazon
- starts
- 17 Low-priority
- 20 Start of a giggle
- 21 Gigantic
- 22 Scholarship founder 23 Mother of mine?
- 24 Redbone of music
- 25 Vilifies jam?
- 28 Walkway
- 29 Batter's stat 32 Desires
- 33 In the cellar
- 34 Jump on ice
- 35 Eastwood flick 38 Warning at Pebble
- Beach
- 39 State with certainty
- 40 Rest Actor of 1990 41 Take a stab at
- 42 Hamilton's undoing
- 43 Folklore figures
- 44 Lemons
- 45 Rainhow
- 46 Hama cousin
- components

- 49 Head-turning Turner
- 50 Boar's mate 53 Too easy of a
- distance to miss
- 56 Hourglass filler
- 57 It may be picked 58 Being under a bridge
- 59 Uptight
- 60 Barnyard belles
- 61 Put in stitches

DOWN

- 1 Not worth debating 2 Teenager's torment
- 3 Portion (out)
- 4 Ebenezer's epithet 5 Like some towns or
- sleighs
- 6 Grammarian's concern
- 7 Marathon, e.g. 8 Covenant container
- 9 Text of an opera
- 10 Kitchen wear
- 11 Front the money 12 Sloth's home
- 13 What we have
- 18 Tater eyes
- 19 "I'm in trouble!"
- 23 Shaping tool
- 24 Kind of printer
- 25 "Gulliver's Travels"

- 26 Lord's home 27 A password
- provides it
- 28 Comic strip segment 29 Self-evident
- principle
- 30 Nemo's creator
- 31 Dalv's co-star, once
- 33 Resides
- 34 Spherical coifs
- 36 Praisewor-thy
- 37 Liberal pursuits
- 49 Tear source
- 43 Slimy crud
- 44 Fine partner
- 45 Oscar winner of '94
- and '95
- 46 Basilica section
- 47 Dryer batch 48 Sound of engine
- trouble
- 49 Tatter's output 50 Kind of leopard or
- aoose
- 51 View up and down
- 52 Tuesday that's not
- after Monday 54 Like an illegal boxing
- blow 55 Is for them

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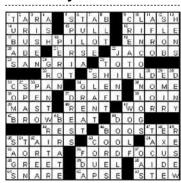
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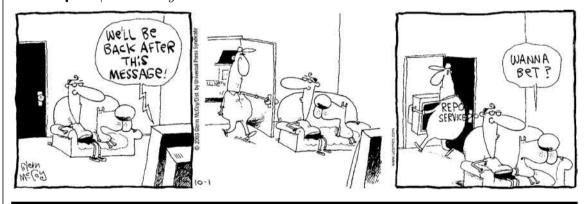
I'M NOT A TELEMARKETER and I don't like receiving telemarketing calls, but wake up everyone. If that "do-not-call" list goes through, it will mean that the telemarketing companies will have fewer people to call, which will mean that they won't need as many telemarketing people. An estimated 2 million jobs will be lost just because people don't want to be inconvenienced.

> -EDWARD YAN Frederick, Md.

Yesterday's Solutions



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You will be relying on your public image perhaps more than you know. Be willing to "listen" to unspoken messages

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You'll be vulnerable to suggestion — at all times, and in all places. Take care others do not take

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Expectation is high as your workweek begins, but don't let superiors take advantage of you. You can only do so much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Focus on your own needs and desires. You'll soon learn a bit more about the role you are

destined to play

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Watch what you say and do, particularly when you are depending on others for your progress. It's a good day to heed the rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Use the time available to you to get closer to one or two other secondary goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You can take some time to gather new information that will prove useful to you in the days to come. Plans may have to be altered. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - You're in the

mood to assist others. Be willing to sacrifice your own progress to help a friend achieve something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Your commitment to a current project is admirable, but you may be giving so much of yourself that your perspective is getting blurred. CANCER (June 21-July 22) - An aggressive, bold stance may get you what you want - but you're not likely to have as many supporters when all is done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Avoid being overly demonstrative among those who do not know you well. There is a time and a place for everything, including self-expression. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Though your primary task may be to tend to immediate concerns as they arise, don't pass up the opportunity to work on a long-term basis

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CHATOLOGICAL HUMOR

Live Online

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Washington Post columnist GENE WEINGARTEN opened his weekly forum with a new name Tuesday.

Seen any terrible movies lately?

Actually, yes. The other day my wife and I saw, for the first time, a movie that most people seem to agree is a classic. The original "The Matrix." At the end of it we looked at each other and burst out laughing. I informed two great Post movie critics - Stephen Hunter and Desson Howe — about how bad this movie was, and both politely informed me that I am an idiot.

"The Matrix" seemed like a brilliant movie in comparison to other action/science fiction films. It's no Oscar contender, but it sure handled the premise better than "Total Recall" did. Arnold Schwarzenegger is no Keanu Reaves, that's for sure.

And Keanu is no John Ritter.

If, while interviewing for a position, someone tells a bad joke, will I blow my chances if I don't laugh?

Yes, you will blow your chances. What I do is INSTANTLY segue into telling a related joke that IS funny. They will incorrectly see it as an homage to their joke. You have to be quick, though.

The Washington Times featured the picture of Laura Bush getting a "hand treatment" from Jacques Chirac, with the caption "French Kiss." When did it become acceptable once again to refer to it as "french kissing" rather than "freedom kissing"?

That "French Kiss" cutline was a joke, an almost RIBALD joke, and therefore very unTimeslike. I'm sure heads will roll. I thought that Laura looked giggly-girlish in that picture, but my wife thought her expression said "ewwwwww."

Today on Live Online:

II A.M.: Mel Goodman, former CIA analyst and senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, discusses intelligence misuse and protection of CIA operatives.

II A.M.: Childhood Obesity, Pediatric physical therapist Heidi Jo Hetland discusses overcoming the barriers to exercise and activity and developing a healthy lifestyle

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SPORTS Tall Order

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hotel; he could face one year in jail

LAW

End of Round One

Boxing champion MIKE TYSON

pleaded not guilty to three counts

of assault Tuesday in a Brooklyn,

N.Y., court, Reuters reports. Tyson

is charged with assaulting two men

and a woman outside a Brooklyn

if convicted. Tyson says he acted in

self-defense, claiming the men had threatened him with guns. His lawvers called for a dismissal of the charges,

but he is expected back in court in December. (EXPRESS)

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs announces his fund-raising campaign Tuesday.

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INFLUENCE: Rapper LL Cool J testifies Tuesday against file-sharing during a Congressional hearing on music industry lawsuits. Fellow rapper Chuck D also testified Tuesday, but stood in support of peer-to-peer file sharing.

PHILANTHROPY **Marathon Man**

Mogul SEAN "P. DIDDY" COMBS on Tuesday announced plans to run the New York marathon — and raise \$1 million for children's education and health care. Reuters reports. The money, which will come from corporate sponsors and public donations, will be split among New York City public schools, the Children's Hope Foundation and Combs's charity, Daddy's House Social Programs. Combs's sponsors include Nike. McDonald's and MTV. (EXPRESS)

PUBLISHING Good News and Bad News

A review of articles that ousted New York Times reporter JAYSON **BLAIR** wrote for the University of Maryland's student news service has uncovered several errors but no plagiarism or fabrications, according to the university. The Capital News

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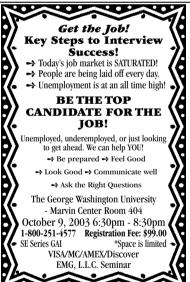
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